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JUNE 10 ISSUE OF METALS WEEK CARRIES ARTICLE TITLED "HIGHER ROYALTIES LIKELY ON AUSTRALIAN BAUXITE." RELEVANT EXCERPTS ARE:

"THE ALUMINUM COMPANIES MAY SOON BE PAYING HIGHER ROYALTIES ON BAUXITE IN AUSTRALIA AS WELL AS IN JAMAICA. THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT IS PRESSING COMALCO FOR INCREASED ROYALTIES ON ITS PRODUCTION FROM THE HUGE WEIPA BAUXITE DEPOSIT. THE CURRENT ROYALTY IS A RATHER PALTRY 10 CENTS PER TON OF EXPORTED BAUXITE. THE GOVERNMENT'S DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT ROYALTY IS BELIEVED TO STEM FROM THE FEELING THAT COMALCO IS NOT CONTRIBUTING AS MUCH TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY AS IT COULD."

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